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| Filing Date | 12-18-2000 |
| First Named Inventor | William B. Douglas |
| Art Unit | 3625 |
| Examiner Name | Robert E. Rhode, Jr. |
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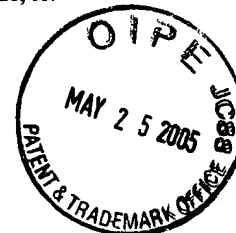
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Sir:

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- (X) Amendment/Reply – “Amendment C” (Response to OA 03-04-2005) () Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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